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Meeting with Mexican Government Representatives

Regarding Proposed Rules on the Operation of Mexican

Motor Carriers in the United States

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On May 4, 2001, five Mexican government representatives met at DOT with representatives of the Office of the Secretary (OST), the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the Department of State, and the Department of Commerce to discuss three proposed rules regarding the operation of Mexican motor carriers in the United States, which were published in the Federal Register on May 3, 2001. The meeting was held at the request of the Government of Mexico. An FMCSA representative presented a general explanation of what the regulations as proposed would require of Mexican motor carriers. DOT representatives then responded to questions posed by the Mexican government representatives seeking clarifications of the proposed regulations and of statements in the preamble.

The following persons attended the meeting:

Government of Mexico - Mauricio Garcia-Velasco, Secretary of Economy, Javier Mancera, NAFTA Office, Embassy of Mexico, Carlos Piñera, Secretary of Economy, Raul Vallejo, NAFTA Office, Embassy of Mexico, Marco Traglosheros, Secretary of Communication and Transportation

DOT - Stephen Barber, FMCSA; David DeCarme, OST; Maria Lameiro, OST; Brian McLaughlin, FMCSA; Suzanne O'Malley, FMCSA; Joanne Petrie, OST; Peter Plocki, OST.

Other U.S. agencies: William Busis, USTR; John Melle, USTR; Chris Moore, Department of Commerce; Elisabeth Schuler, Department of State.